

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated February 3, 2004. The present application was filed on February 16, 2001, with claims 1-28, of which claims 1, 15, 19, 24, 27, and 28 are independent claims. The present amendment proposes to amend claims 1, 8, 15, 19, 24, and 27 and to cancel claims 9 and 23. In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 10-14, and 19-27 as being anticipated under 35 USC §102(b) by Logan et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,721,827, hereinafter "Logan." The Examiner objected to dependent claim 9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but stated that the claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner allowed claims 15-18 and claim 28.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 10-14, and 19-27 as being anticipated under 35 USC §102(b) by Logan. In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner objected to dependent claim 9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but stated that the claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. See outstanding Office Action at page 12, section 3.

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 19, and 27 to include the limitations of (1) "converting each of the at least two voice commands to text" and (2) "determining text versions of the at least two voice commands by comparing words in the text with phrase grammar rules." The amendments to independent claims 1, 19, and 27 affect dependent claims 8, 9, and 23 in the following manner: dependent claim 8 has been amended, while dependent claims 9 and 23 have been canceled. Limitations (1) and (2), aside from the limitation of "determining at least one task name from the text of the at least two voice commands," are the limitations from dependent claim 9, which the Examiner indicated is patentable.

However, the Examiner also rejected now-canceled claim 23, which had limitations (1) and (2). Nonetheless, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 19, and 27 are patentable. When rejecting claim 23, the Examiner pointed to

col. 15, lines 4-6 and col. 35, lines 14-29 of Logan. Applicants read the cited text as not disclosing or implying either limitation (1) or limitation (2).

As for limitation (1), Applicants read col. 15, lines 4-6 of Logan as stating that responses can be converted to text form by a voice recognition system. However, the
5 cited text of Logan is in a section describing how a user could add bookmark functions into a usage log. See col. 14, line 42 to col. 15, line 6 of Logan. There is no teaching or implication in any part of Logan that the bookmark functions are commands that are converted to text, as in limitation (1).

As for limitation (2), Applicants read col. 35, lines 14-29 of Logan as
10 disclosing a system that scans for content that a user might desire to view or read. See col. 35, lines 30-52 of Logan. The “authoring system” of Logan appears to be using text in order to index segments of text. There is no disclosure in Logan of determining text versions of voice commands by comparing words in the text with phrase grammar rules, as in limitation (2). Applicants show exemplary phrase grammar rules in FIG. 7 of the
15 specification, and Applicants respectfully submit that there is no teaching or implication in Logan of phrase grammar rules.

Consequently, because Logan does not describe or imply either limitation (1) or limitation (2), Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 19, and 27 are patentable over Logan. Because independent claims 1 and 19 are patentable, their
20 dependent claims 2-8 and 9-14 (depending from independent claim 1) and 20-22 (depending from claim 19) are also patentable.

Applicants note that the Examiner allowed claims 15-18 and 28. See outstanding Office Action at page 12, section 4. However, the Examiner rejected independent claim 24 and its dependent claims 25 and 26. Independent claim 24 is an
25 apparatus claim that corresponds to independent claims 15 and 28 and contains the limitations thereof. Nonetheless, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 15, 24, and 28 are patentable over Logan.

In particular, each of the independent claims 15, 24, and 28 have the limitation of “composing a plurality of voice commands from words in the text, each
30 voice command corresponding to a phrase grammar rule.” Applicants respectfully submit that Logan does not disclose or imply phrase grammar rules or composing voice

commands from words in text (converted from speech), where each voice command corresponds to a phrase grammar rule. As the Examiner has pointed out, Logan does discuss voice commands (see col. 12, lines 55-60 of Logan), but there is no disclosure in Logan that speech is converted to text and the text is used to compose voice commands corresponding to phrase grammar rules.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 15, 24, and 28 are patentable over Logan. Because independent claims 15 and 24 are patentable, their dependent claims 15-18 and 24-26, respectfully, are also patentable.

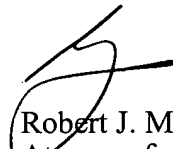
Conclusion

All of the pending claims, i.e., claims 1-8, 10-22, and 24-28, are in condition for allowance and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

The Examiner's attention to this matter is appreciated.

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